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“STRUCTURAL GENOMICS CENTERS FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES”

AMENDMENT TWO (2)

OFFICE OF ACQUISITIONS

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The purpose of Amendment Two is to:

- 1) Revise the total estimated cost of \$650,000 to \$700,000 in the first paragraph of Section L.2.c.6. Small Business Subcontracting Plan.
- 2) Respond to questions received regarding this solicitation.

Offerors MUST acknowledge receipt of the amendment by Amendment number (s) and date of the amendment. Failure to receive your acknowledgment of this amendment may result in the rejection of your proposal.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

- I. **Section L.2.c.6. Small Business Subcontracting Plan** – the first paragraph is hereby revised as follows:

If the proposed contract exceeds a total estimated cost of **\$700,000** for the entire period of performance, the offeror shall be required to submit an acceptable subcontracting plan in accordance with the terms of the clause entitled, “Small Business Subcontracting Plan,” FAR Clause No. 52.219-9, incorporated herein by reference in the Solicitation, See SECTION J – LIST OF ATTACHMENTS, BUSINESS PROPOSAL ATTACHMENTS of this RFP for an example of such a plan.

- II. **The Government’s response to questions received regarding this solicitation are as follows:**

A. PART III - Section J – List of Attachments

1. **Question:** According to Attachment 7, Section 3.2.d. Travel to subcontractor sites, an offeror shall assume two (2) visits per year for two (2) personnel per trip for 2 days to perform subcontract oversight. If an offeror proposes five (5) subcontractor sites located in cities other than the offeror’s city, does this assumption mean that an offeror should budget each year 2 personnel to visit a maximum of two subcontract sites for a total of 2 trips per year? Or, should an offeror budget 2 personnel to visit 5 subcontract sites twice a year for a total of 10 trips per year?

Response: An offeror shall budget for a total of 2 trips per year, with 2 personnel per trip for 2 days, to perform subcontract oversight. If an offeror proposes more than 2 subcontractors, it shall alternate the site visits among the subcontractors each year.

2. **Question:** The research projects under Functional characterization specifically note that these should be projects associated with structures previously solved by an SGCID in the past cycle. Does the same criterion apply to the Structural Vaccine and Therapeutics sections? Is conducting new structural studies related to vaccines and therapeutics development responsive to the RFP?

Response: The structure-guided vaccine design and drug discovery projects shall use structures determined by a NIAID Structural Genomics Center for Infectious Diseases in the past cycles. Conducting new structural studies in these projects will not be considered for this RFP.

B. PART IV – Section L – Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors

3. **Question:** On page 69, the RFP states that a small business plan is needed when total cost =>\$650K. But in ATTACHMENT 12 (page 37) the SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN states: A subcontracting Plan is required if the estimated cost of the contract may exceed \$700,000 (\$1,500,000 for construction). Small businesses are excluded. Can the Government clarify if the threshold is \$650K or \$700K?

Response: The total cost of =>\$650K stated on page 69 of the RFP is incorrect. See Part I, Section L.2.c.6. Small Business Subcontracting Plan above.